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Seventy-fourth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

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**HOUSE BILL 24-1273**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE VETERANS ASSISTANCE**  
102            **GRANT PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**  
103            **IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATION IN THE 2023 SUNSET**  
104            **REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)*

**Sunset Process - House State, Civic, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committee.** The bill implements the recommendation of the department of regulatory agencies' sunset review and report on the

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*  
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veterans assistance grant program by continuing the program for 7 years, until September 1, 2031.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal**  
3 (25)(a)(VIII); and **add** (32)(a)(XI) as follows:

4 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**  
5 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**  
6 **declaration - repeal.** (25) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,  
7 are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2024:

8 (VIII) ~~The veterans assistance grant program created in section~~  
9 ~~28-5-712;~~

10 (32) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled  
11 for repeal on September 1, 2031:

12 (XI) THE VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN  
13 SECTION 28-5-712.

14 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 28-5-712, **amend**  
15 (3)(b) and (5) as follows:

16 **28-5-712. Veterans assistance grant program - created - rules**  
17 **- fund - repeal.** (3) (b) The ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the fund ~~are~~ IS subject to  
18 annual appropriation to the division by the general assembly for the direct  
19 and indirect costs associated with implementing the program. The state  
20 treasurer may invest any ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the fund not expended for the  
21 purposes of this section as provided by law. The state treasurer shall  
22 credit any interest and income derived from the deposit and investment  
23 of ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the fund to the fund. Any unexpended and  
24 unencumbered ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the fund at the end of a fiscal year  
25 ~~remain~~ REMAINS in the fund and shall not be credited to any other fund;

1     except that ~~any moneys remaining in the fund on September 1, 2024, shall~~  
2     ~~be credited~~ THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER ALL UNEXPENDED  
3     AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY IN THE FUND ON AUGUST 31, 2031, to the  
4     general fund.

5             (5) This section is repealed, effective ~~September 1, 2024~~  
6     SEPTEMBER 1, 2031. Before ITS repeal, the department of regulatory  
7     agencies shall review the program as described in section 24-34-104.  
8     ~~C.R.S.~~

9             **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
10    takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
11    ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
12    that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
13    of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
14    act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
15    effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
16    November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
17    official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.